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FROM ISSUE

UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(b)

In re Application of

Trista P. Chen

Application No. 10/005,193

Filed: December 4, 2001

Attorney Docket No.: 200302024-1

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EFFICIENTLY FINDING NEAR-SIMILAR IMAGES

IN MASSAVE DATABASES

The application is being withdrawn to permit reopening of prosecution, because the application contains at least one claim that is unpatentable. See 37 CFR 1.313(b)(3).

The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue.

The issue fee is refundable upon written request. If, however, the application is again found allowable, the issue fee can be applied toward payment of the issue fee in the amount identified on the new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due upon written request. This request and any balance due must be received on or before the due date noted in the new Notice of Allowance in order to prevent abandonment of the application.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to James Dwyer 571-272-7220.

The above-identified application is being forwarded to the examiner for prompt appropriate action, including notifying applicant of the new status of this application.

James Dwyer

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